

# WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

June 2, 2005

## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL LICENSED MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL AND SPECIAL FUEL SUPPLIERS, IMPORTERS, EXPORTERS, BLENDERS, AND DISTRIBUTORS

### CHANGE IN ELECTRONIC FUNDS PAYMENT DATE INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL AND SPECIAL FUEL TAX RATE CLARIFICATION OF SOME EXISTING TAX LAWS

- **All licensees** effective July 1, 2005, the Washington State fuel tax rate on motor vehicle and special fuel will increase to thirty-one (31) cents per gallon as a result of the passage of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6103 by the 2005 Legislature.
- **Effective July 1, 2005**, the department will not accept any taxable adjustments on tax returns for any prior period, due to the changes in tax rates. If you need to make corrections to your tax reporting, you must do so on amended returns.
- **All licensee's except distributors** for tax reporting periods starting July 2005, the tax payment due date is the twenty-sixth (26th) day of the following month (or the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday) for licensees paying by electronic funds transfer. Fuel tax is required to be paid to the department by electronic funds transfer whenever the amount is fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) or more. This change in tax payment due dates is a result of the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 5058 by the 2005 Legislature. Attached is a revised electronic funds payment calendar for 2005. A separate electronic funds transmittal is required for each tax type.
- **Licensed suppliers and distributors** effective July 1, 2005, the payment of motor vehicle and special fuel tax to your supplier has changed to "no later than seven (7) business days before the twenty-sixth (26) day of the following month as a result of the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 5058 by the 2005 Legislature. This payment election by the distributor is conditioned upon the distributor's remittances of all amounts of motor vehicle fuel or special fuel tax to the supplier will be paid by electronic funds transfer.
- **Licensed exporters** cannot sell tax-exempt fuel in the State of Washington. A licensed exporter can only purchase tax-free fuel at the terminal rack for direct delivery to a location outside the state. The fuel must be transported in a conveyance that is owned or controlled by the licensed exporter otherwise the fuel is sold within the state and must include the Washington State fuel tax.
- **Licensed suppliers** must collect Washington State fuel tax on fuel sold when the purchaser, is not licensed or tax exempt, obtains possession of that fuel through a carrier owned or controlled by the purchaser.
- **Licensed suppliers and importers** reporting an export from another state into Washington (i.e. from Idaho into Washington) will be the importer of record into Washington. No other licensee or company can report this fuel as their import.

If you have any questions, please contact the Distributor Unit at (360) 664-1852.

The Department of Licensing has a policy of providing equal access to its services.  
If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 902-3600 or TTY (360) 664-8885.

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